

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 138 – SB 1337

February 22, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires mine owners of mines that do not measure tons mined to include man hours, in lieu of the tons mined, on the annual report submitted to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD); exempts mines subject to federal regulations from using an examination developed by the DLWD for applicants for the position of mine foreman.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$3,800

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 59-4-201 establishes an examination fee of \$25 and a certification fee of \$25 for mine foremen relative to Tenn. Code Ann. § 59-4-101.
- DLWD reports a total of 111 exams were conducted and approximately 100 certifications were issued in FY15-16. The Department reported that the number of examinations varies depending on participation.
- It is reasonably assumed that a minimum of 80 examinations and 70 certifications will occur each fiscal year.
- All exam and certification fee revenue is deposited to the state General Fund.
- The recurring decrease in state revenue to the General Fund is estimated to exceed \$3,750 [(\$25 fee x 80 examinations) + (\$25 fee x 70 certifications)].
- DLWD reports the provisions of the bill will reduce examination printing costs. However, due the low number of examinations administered each year, any recurring decrease in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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